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~~32~~. The vaccine of claim ³⁰~~31~~, wherein said host cell further comprises a nucleic acid encoding a cytokine.

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~~33~~. The vaccine of claim ³¹~~32~~, wherein said cytokine is GM-CSF.

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~~34~~. The vaccine of claim ³⁰~~31~~, further comprising a second cell comprising a nucleic acid encoding a cytokine.

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~~35~~. The vaccine of claim ³³~~34~~, wherein said cytokine is GM-CSF.--

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REMARKS

The instant specification teaches tumor-associated antigens that elicit a humoral response when administered as a cellular vaccine using a cell that does not divide in conjunction with a cytokine; see page 24, second full paragraph. No issue of new matter is raised by the above-added new claims and entry thereof is requested respectfully.

In a telephone Restriction Requirement, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-22 as filed were divisible into three groups of claims:

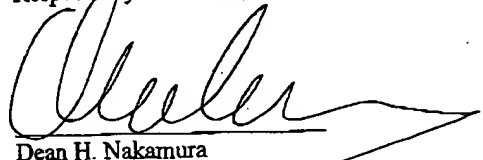
- I. claims 1-10 drawn to a method of identifying an antigen;
- II. claims 11-15 drawn to a method of screening for an antigen; and
- III. claims 16-22 drawn to kits.

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Applicants herein elect without traverse for examination on the merits in the instant application, newly added claims 23-35. Claims 23-35 relate to a vaccine and constitute a group distinct from Groups I-III. The non-elected claims 1-22 have been removed from the instant application for prosecution in divisions.

Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

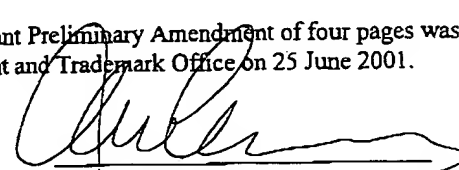


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